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**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, Apr 26, 2003 1:50 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

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**From:** rich@math.missouri.edu  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, Apr 26, 2003 1:59 PM  
**Subject:** Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

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445 12th Street, SW  
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**Date:** Sat, Apr 26, 2003 3:19 PM  
**Subject:** vote against relaxation of media ownership rules

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Michael Rossman  
Arcata, California

**From:** Cynthia Collingwood  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, Apr 26, 2003 4:27 PM  
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**Subject:** Oligopoly

Oligopoly is what we will have, almost have now, in the area of information dissemination and access. If it were not for the internet, many of us would hear only what the powers-that-be want us to hear. There are now, I believe, about 5 major corporations that own and operate our television/cable networks. If you are not careful, they will be able to keep from us ALL information that these million or billion-dollar corporations find unacceptable or uncomfortable. Where will we find out about drugs that are dangerous, or politicians that are basically selling us out? It used to be that, in the newspaper business, any major city had at least three or four daily newspapers; no more. Sacramento, where I live, has only one paper. It is a good one, but it does not publish the kind of news that I can get on the internet.

My understanding was that the FCC agency is responsible for making sure that our public airwaves, television channels, etc. are NOT controlled by just a few entities. Right now we have very limited access to news that is not filtered through the prejudices of Rupert Murdoch, or Time/Warner/AOL, Disney, General Electric...and any of the other, if there are any other, corporations that now have taken control over our access to news and information and entertainment. Please do your job; the nation cannot survive with controlled news. We will have become a money and corporation-controlled nation; we just about are now. I do not think that is what our founders meant when they wrote "freedom of the press" into our Constitution. Or, we could say "freedom of speech". If Fox News had its way, we would only hear its version of "Fair and balanced"...now that's a laugh.

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sincerely, grace cooper, Sacramento, California

**CC:** William T. Cooper

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**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, Apr 26, 2003 9:30 PM  
**Subject:** Media Ownership

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**Date:** Sat, Apr 26, 2003 9:33 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

Dear FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein,

The FCC must consider the unique needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules.

Children consume almost five and a half hours of media per day. Research has shown that media, particularly television, play a unique and powerful role in children's development.

The FCC should consider how further relaxation of media ownership rules would impact children's programming. Deregulation may reduce competition, increase commercialism and result in less original programming for children.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

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